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Hon. Jared Polis, Founder
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New America School-Las Cruces
Governing Council
Thursday, September 14, 2023
5:00 PM

Board Members Present:

- Susie Kimble (President)
- Roberta Stathis (VP)
- Julia Rivera-Tapia (Sec)
- Jesus Lozoya

- **Regrets:** Oscar Juarez

Staff Present:

- Ashley Wolfel
- Jack Fitzpatrick
- Margarita Porter
- Sarah Dozier

Special Guests:

- Craig Cook, Kelly Callahan

Minutes of the GC

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 2. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble.
 3. Public input: Mr. Paz and Ms. Myers stopped by to introduce themselves.
 4. Quorum was reached at 5:31 pm.
 5. Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Julia Rivera Tapia that the agenda be accepted as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
 6. Motion to approve the minutes of August 10, 2023. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jesus Lozoya that the minutes be accepted as presented. Votes: unanimous.
 7. Ashley presented the budget reports covering the school until August 31, 2023. The finance committee had already reviewed the reports prior to the general board meeting to identify any irregularities. BARS that were presented were 0007-I, 0009-T, and 0010-M. Moved by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Jesus Lozoya that the financial reports an BARs be approved. Votes: Unanimous
 8. The OMA was revisited to make a revision to the existing OMA that was passed in February of 2023. The motion to accept the revision of adding “second Thursdays of each month” to #1 on page 1 was made by Roberta Stathis and seconded by Julia Rivera-Tapia. Votes: unanimous.
- Kelly Callahan gave an update about training and will be on campus in November.
 - Cannabis Appeal Update: No update or decision has been made.

Superintendent’s Report

Dashboard: NM Vistas [NMVistas School Dashboard | NMVistas.org](https://nmvistas.org)

What does this mean? What are we doing? What is the NM Dash plan? [NM DASH \(state.nm.us\)](https://state.nm.us)

NAS-LC staff are meeting on Wednesdays to complete the NM Dash plan together. On September 25 and 26, there will be two full days of working on the plan based on adult behavior and root causes. Other components: Critical Actions and reflections.

School

- Enrollment is currently at 168 as of 9/11/23
- Fun Friday, 8th: Museum of Art and Cultural Center along with library tour and activities.
- First set of MAPs testing was done which is used as our baseline for annual growth.
- PED Site Visit: Sept 12 from 8-4pm. This visit is specifically for CSI designation. They met with admin, support staff, teachers and will meet with parents via zoom if necessary. This information will be gathered and developed into a report that will be made public. See the attached draft site visit report.
- Finals are on the 20/21st and we will be on break from Sept. 22 until Oct. 9 when quarter 2 starts.
- Innovation Zone: (\$200,000)
 - Capstone Process reviewed by Lisa Harmon-Martinez, Director of Learning by Doing at Future Focused Education. She who wrote the PED Guidelines for Capstones. Approved! We need to refine a few details and bring it to the board for approval.
 - Three internship sites solidified
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters, Cruces Creatives, Select Realty Group
 - Waiting on signatures for three internship sites:
 - La Vida Project with FYI, Barricade Culture Shop, Independent Electrical Contractors
 - Interested parties we are discussing it with:
Center for Health Innovation, Juvenile Diversion Program with City of Las Cruces, La Semilla, Firestone, Glitz Cosmetology School
 - Was awarded a \$1,500 mini grant for a mural to be painted by the student body
 - MOUs with several organizations to create a safety net and system of support post-graduation
 - Chicano Programs at NMSU, Job Corps
 - Waiting on signatures:
 - Avanza through DACC, Pathways through NMSU, LGBTQ Programs at NMSU, La Vida Project through FYI+

Professional

- Meeting with Mr. Ruiz; August 30. He seems very supportive of charter schools in LC.
- Col. Craig visited with staff regarding payroll deductions and any other questions on Sept. 13.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm. Next meeting will be October 12.

Signed _____
Julia Rivera-Tapia, Secretary